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I am writing this e-mail due to a sense of duty and alarm. I feel it is my duty as an American and internet user to express my grave concern that the DOJ has given up in a battle that was needed to be fought to the maximum. I express my alarm that a company such as Microsoft could be allowed to continue to operate a damaging monopoly under the guise of "just being competitive". I will make two points in this comment: 1. Microsoft is a monopoly in the most damning sense. 2. They must be brought under control. Microsoft has been in a position to place their internet browser on every desk top computer sold with windows OS. No choice it's there. They have also obviously required that if a Computer manufacturer or reseller places Windows OS on the computer then no other operating system can be on that computer at the time of sale. I have no proof of this as in a copy of a contract but the DOJ should if they have done their homework. This requirement would lead to a breach of contract if broken and most small computer makers would not have the resources or energy to fight MS. Microsoft professes to imbrace the XML open source protocol, and yet they imbed it in HTML so that only a Microsoft browser can properly read it? Microsoft must be brought under control to allow the internet, computing in general and the world to progress as it should without being shackled by a proprietary system that only the "corporate programmers" are allowed access to and the privelege of improvement. There are other systems out there, UNIX, Linux, OS/2, and MacIntosh systems that are just as good but don't even stand a chance of competing if MS is allowed to continue with their practices.

I am obviously not a lawyer nor in a computer related field, but I am very concerned that the U.S. will not reign in the MS Monopoly as has been done to other monopolies in the past. Please do not let the slap on the wrist , that it appears Microsoft will get, stand.

Respectfully, Dennis Myers
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